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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
WATARU NINOMIYA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
(PCT/JP03/13708)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: CARBON INTERSTICED :  
METALLIC PALLADIUM,  
PALLADIUM CATALYST AND  
METHOD FOR PREPARATION  
THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING ALPHA,BETA-  
UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC  
ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.